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Village Voice
Letter to Editor

I was required to drive to Montana on business. This seemed an opportunity to escape the dispute that is being promulgated by the lies, hate and fear generated around issues of the moment. I was wrong.

As I drove through Wyoming, I spun the radio dial and noted the large number of Fundamentalist radio stations. I recalled an article that I read that alluded to a report that Religious Right organizations across America are engaged in a drive to dominate radio and television airways. Certainly this seems to be true in Colorado and Wyoming.

Next my attention turned to one station. The subject-A celebration that SNOW WHITE WAS MADE UNAVAILABLE TO YOUNG SCHOOL CHILDREN somewhere. While the decision was based on so-called violence in the book, the speakers were exulted because the book contains elements of witchcraft and wizardry.

My thoughts turned to attempts to ban books such as TOM SAWYER and ALICE IN WONDERLAND, etc; attempts to limit that which we can see, what we can read, what we can hear, what we can be taught, what we can do, what we can say or what we can be.

What's comes after these things: Block Captains to report non-adherence to proper thinking; committees to inspect what books are in one's home; children encouraged to turn in wrong thinking parents (or parents turning in children). Mass meetings and small discussions might only be allowed in approve churches and a wall might be built around the country to prevent contamination from the outside. The citizenry might have to be re-educated. The electorate might not be trusted to make the RIGHT decision so elections might be eliminated.

HELLO!!! IS ANYBODY OUT THERE??? IS ANYBODY LISTENING??? WILL ANYONE BE LEFT TO WHOM YOU CAN TURN WHEN THEY COME FOR YOU????????

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Letter to the Editor:

The truth is that most Gays are very much like everyone else. Each of the readers of this probably know many without even knowing it. Sex to a Gay represents no more of the total that he is than does sex to the heterosexual. It is something that is part of us--not all that we are. It may interest one to know that we sleep, work, love for more than sex, contribute time and money to community charities and activities, grieve our losses, respect and love our neighbors and attempt to be good citizens. One of the reasons that there is an effort to get Gays out of the closet is so that one can see that not all are the stereotypes that have been built of us. For every one of us that fits this stereotype, there are hundreds, if not thousands, that do not.

An editorial appeared recently in the Boston Herald (viewed by many as the National Enquirer of Boston) by Don Feder. While there are many travesties on truth and good journalism in the Editorial, one stands out. The only role model that Mr. Feder could point to who is homosexual is the Nazi Eric Roehm. This was a great injustice. To close this letter, therefore, I should like to list just a few others so reputed: Gertrude Stein, Kathryn Lee Bates, "Big Bill" Tilden, Nureyev, Chopin, Michelangelo, Ravel, Barber, Niginsky, Walpole, Diaghilev, Melchior, Housman, Tennessee Williams, Hans Christian Anderson (and Danny Kaye), DaVinci, T. Wilder, James Buchanan, McKuen, Toklas, Tyrone Power, Freud, Valentino, Tchaikovsky, Nightingale, Emerson, Ginsberg, Gauguin, Cole Porter, Grieg, Errol Flynn, Audie Murphy (Medal of Honor winner), Judy Holliday, Dave Kopay, Stephen Foster, Mahler, Proust, Thoreau, Housman, Melville, Baldwin, Tennyson, Warhol, Debussy, Tolstoy, Chevalier, Humboldt, Walpole, T S Eliot, Montgomery Clift, Sir Walter Raleigh, Voltaire, Milton, Marlene Dietrich, J. Edgar Hoover (of whom we are not proud), Alexander Hamilton, Bacon, etc. These were picked out of a list of thousands.

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